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Mr. Julius Genachowski

Chairman, Federal Communications Commission

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Re: Proceeding 11-65 (AT&T-T-Mobile merger)

Dear Mr. Genachowski and Members of the Commission:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment about the AT&T-T-Mobile merger and why the Asian Business Association (ABA) believes the merger is in the best interest of our membership.

America remains in a severe economic downturn. Joblessness remains at unacceptably high levels while the federal deficit makes the prospect of large-scale stimulus programs unlikely. For that reason, federal regulators must be especially attuned to actions that spur private sector investment and employment. Approving the AT&T-T-Mobile merger will accomplish both goals, while giving consumers and businesses better access to the latest in fast wireless access.

The need for the most advanced Internet access as a foundation for economic development should be clear from the experience of countries such as Japan and South Korea. Those countries successfully leveraged their fast connections to produce economic development and job growth in numerous high-tech and next-generation businesses.

In terms of supplier diversity, Greenlining ranks AT&T number one as an industry leader. AT&T has a remarkable track record with diverse supplier spending \$9.2 billion or nearly 19% of its procurement base. In addition, AT&T continues to contribute to organizations serving the Asian-American community. We believe this base will grow and further advance our community as a result of their acquisition with T-Mobile.

We respectfully urge the Commission to consider that fact as it seeks to help spur investment here in America. The spirit of entrepreneurship runs strong in the Asian-American community, as it does in other groups, but it cannot be fully realized without certain foundations, including first-class Internet service.

This makes the FCC's need to encourage rapid deployment of new high-speed systems even more crucial. It also represents an important reason to approve the AT&T-T-Mobile merger. If approved, this company will be in a much better position to deploy the next-generation wireless networks nationwide. (As you are no doubt aware, T-Mobile does not even have plans to make the billion-dollar investment required to build a true nationwide 4G network.)

Founded in Los Angeles in 1976, the Asian Business Association (www.aba-la.org) is a non-profit organization that advances the interests of Asian-American business owners. The ABA promotes economic development, entrepreneurship, and networking in an effort to help Asian-Americans grow their businesses and successfully compete in the global marketplace.

As the Obama Administration and Congress wrestle with ways to spur the economy, we encourage the FCC to recognize that approving the AT&T-T-Mobile merger will be good for job and economic growth.

Sincerely,



Dennis Huang
Executive Director

CC: Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker